

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

The present application is a division of predecessor application U.S. Serial No. 09/777,961, which in turn is a division of Serial No. 08/799,485 that has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,201,587. Accordingly, a cross-referencing statement has been added to the specification. Also, the specification for the division has been amended to place it in the same form as that of the 09/777,961 application.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claim 17 has been amended to remove the improper multiple dependency.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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